



January 1, 1990

Tennessee 31, Arkansas 27

Attendance - 74,358

The 54th Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic was a family matter. Even though 18 years had passed since Tennessee and Arkansas last faced one another, this contest resembled a classic family reunion. It started in the offices of the head coaches and athletic directors. In 1964, Tennessee coach Johnny Majors served as Frank Broyles' secondary coach at Arkansas. Majors' prize defender at the time was Arkansas coach Ken Hatfield. It was a memorable year for Broyles, Majors and Hatfield. The Hogs won the national championship with a victory over Nebraska at the Cotton Bowl.

These family ties went even deeper. Doug Dickey, the Volunteers' athletic director, was a member of Broyles' original Arkansas coaching staff in 1958. Later, as head coach at Tennessee, Dickey returned to Dallas for the 1969 Classic when his freshman coach was a young Ken Hatfield. Now, years later, all four returned to Dallas to meet again, although on opposite sides of the field.

And, what a reunion it turned out to be! Tennessee and Arkansas literally set records for breaking records. The Vols and Hogs combined for an unbelievable 1,038 yards in offense. Chuck Webb, Tennessee's elusive freshman tailback, ripped through the Arkansas defense for a near-record 250-yard performance. Webb fell just short of the legendary rushing mark of 265 yards established in 1954 by Dicky Maegle of Rice.

The scoring rampage began with the opening kickoff. Tennessee drove the ball 61 yards in 12 plays for a 23-yard Greg Burke field goal and a 3-0 lead. Arkansas also turned its first possession into points when fullback Barry Foster crashed over from the one for a touchdown and an early 6-3 Razorback advantage.

Turnovers plagued Arkansas' next two possessions. Fullback Kerwin Price killed the first drive, fumbling at the Volunteer nine. Then came the most crucial mistake of the day. Quarterback Quinn Grovey marched the Hogs to the Tennessee two-yard line. On second down, Grovey rolled right and looked into the end zone for his tight end Billy Winston. Suddenly, freshman safety Carl Pickens stepped in front of Winston, picked off Grovey's pass and returned the ball to the Volunteer 13.

Pickens' key interception ignited an offensive explosion by Tennessee. Quarterback Andy Kelly went for the bomb on second down and connected with receiver Anthony Morgan for a 84-yard touchdown strike, the second-longest in Classic history. By halftime the Vols had built a 17-6 advantage, wresting the momentum totally away from Arkansas.

The Hogs' first possession of the second half also ended with a turnover when Foster fumbled at the Tennessee 32. The Volunteers quickly capitalized on Arkansas' misfortune. Webb broke loose for a 42-yard gain on first down, and Kelly finished off the drive with a one-yard scoring toss to fullback Greg Amsler for a 24-6 lead. The Razorbacks chopped the score back to 24-13 on their next possession, but Webb again proved to be Tennessee's most lethal weapon. The freshman leaped through another hole in the Arkansas defense and ran 78 yards for the Vols' final score of the day.

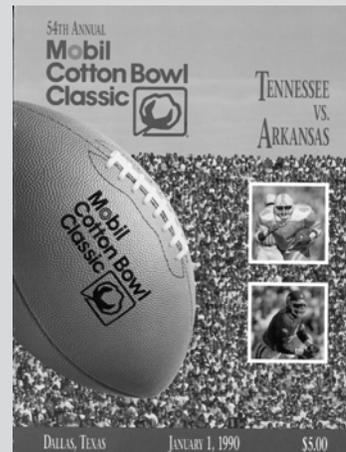
Tennessee held a commanding 31-13 lead.

Arkansas charged into the game's final period in a fit of desperation. Fourteen seconds into the quarter, Foster scored from the one and then added the two-point conversion to cut the lead to 31-21. The Hogs threatened on their next possession, reaching the Tennessee nine before turning the ball over on downs. Minutes later, Arkansas fell short again, missing a 44-yard field goal attempt.

Tennessee couldn't sustain a drive and Arkansas had the ball again.

With 1:25 left to play, Grovey unloaded to Winston for a 67-yard scoring play. Now, trailing 31-27, the Hogs tried an onside kick, but Tennessee's Alvin Harper quickly pounced on the ball at midfield. The Vols then ran out the clock and brought to an end one of the wildest offensive shows the Classic had seen in years.

GAME SUMMARY



Tennessee	3	14	14	0	-	31
Arkansas	6	0	7	14	-	27

First Quarter:

Tennessee-Greg Burke, 23 FG, 10:24, 61 yards in 12 plays following opening kickoff
Arkansas-Barry Foster 1 run (bobbled PAT snap and run by Gary Adams failed), 6:14, 56 yards in 11 plays following kickoff

Second Quarter:

Tennessee-Anthony Morgan 84 pass from Andy Kelly (Burke kick), 6:12, 87 yards in 2 plays following interception by Carl Pickens
Tennessee-Chuck Webb 1 run (Burke kick), 3:13, 70 yards in 8 plays following punt

Third Quarter:

Tennessee-Greg Amsler 1 pass from Kelly (Burke kick), 10:43, 68 yards in 8 plays following fumble recovery by Martin Williams
Arkansas-James Rouse 1 run (Todd Wright kick), 6:58, 72 yards in 9 plays following kickoff
Tennessee-Webb 78 run (Burke kick), 3:55, 80 yards in 2 plays following punt

Fourth Quarter:

Arkansas-Foster 1 run (Foster run), 14:46, 74 yards in 12 plays following kickoff
Arkansas-Billy Winston 67 pass from Quinn Grovey (Rouse pass fail), 1:25, 67 yards in 1 play following punt

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Carl Pickens, Tennessee
Chuck Webb, Tennessee

COACHES

Johnny Majors, Tennessee
Ken Hatfield, Arkansas

WEATHER

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FUN FACT #54

The AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic has entered into a long-term partnership with two of the strongest football conferences in America...the Big 12 Conference and the Southeastern Conference. The agreement was instituted at the start of the 1998 college football season.

GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATS	Tenn	Ark
First Downs	16	31
Rushing	11	21
Passing	4	10
Penalty	1	0
Rushes-Net Yards	38-320	72-361
Net Yards Passing	150	207
Passes	9-23-2	12-22-1
Total Plays	61	94
Total Net Yards	470	568
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	4-36	3-20
Punts-Average	5-39.0	3-44.3

RUSHING

Tennessee - Webb 26-250, V. Moore 1-36, Amsler 1-15, Poles 2-13, Thompson 3-12, Kelly 5(-6).

Arkansas - Rouse 22-134, Foster 22-103, E. Jackson 9-48, Grovey 9-34, Harshaw 8-31, Russell 1-6, Price 1-5.

PASSING

Tennessee - Kelly 9-23-2, 150 yards.
Arkansas - Grovey 12-22-1, 207 yards.

RECEIVING

Tennessee - Morgan 2-96, Harper 2-28, Reeves 1-17, Amsler 2-7, Woods 1-5, Pickens 1(-3).

Arkansas - Russell 7-105, B. Winston 4-94, Horton 1-8.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PUNTING

Tennessee - Elmore 5-39.0.
Arkansas - Meacham 3-44.3.